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• Year 6 pupil, Joseph Leslie, of St Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School was among a host of children enjoying a magical evening of fun at the Harry Potter Night event at Central Library. Children arrived at Platform 9¾ and took part in a sorting ceremony before trying out owl handling, potion mixing, wand making and a wizard quick draw challenge.

Council sets budget 2015/16

THE City of Cardiff Council has set its budget for 2015/16.

The budget was passed at a meeting of Full Council at City Hall on February 26, following an extensive consultation process with communities, partners and staff.

The meeting agreed a number of key changes in respect of continuing to fund existing services until alternative arrangements can become operational. These alternative arrangements need to be established at the earliest possible date.

The changes in the budget include the continued funding of branch libraries services until the end of the council term unless and until alternative delivery arrangements are operational and providing more time for the transition of the youth services, allowing the Council to keep current facilities running, together with supporting street-based and outreach working until new services are in place.

Day services for older people will also be maintained until transitional arrangements and alternative services are developed and put in place, while the saving relating to the Cardiff Alcohol and Drug Team Counselling Service was removed from the Budget to allow more time for capacity building and to develop the volunteer counsellor base including supervision and support mechanisms for the volunteers.

Play Centres will remain open for five evenings a week until alternative arrangements are put in place and funding of £10,000 will be provided for each of the six Neighbourhood Partnership areas to assist groups in the process of taking on services particularly with a focus on health and wellbeing, such as bowls and luncheon clubs.

The Budget addressed a gap of just over £41m for 2015/16 due to both reducing funding from Welsh Government and increasing financial pressures. A five per cent increase in Council Tax fills only £5.4m of this gap and the remainder has therefore had to be found from budget savings.

Councillor Graham Hinchey, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, said: "We are still committed to reforming the way we deliver services and our budget reflects that. We are committed to working with the public and our partners to deliver services in a new way.

"We have no choice but to do that. We are facing a tsunami of cuts and we have to find new ways of co-operation if we are going to maintain the fabric of the society we have all become used to, the society we want to live in.

"This new budget will give people, partners and communities the time and the confidence to come forward to take on the services that we will be unable to deliver in the future. It will also give us the capacity to help them take over these services, to help them get up and running, to make sure the services our communities value are maintained in a new way."

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Budget gives people more time to step up

THE City of Cardiff Council's budget for 2015/16 will give groups and parties interested in taking over the running of community services more time and support to be able to do so.

A number of amendments were agreed to the budget at the Full Council meeting at City Hall including changes to plans for branch libraries, play centres, day centres and the community drug and alcohol team.

Existing services relating to these areas will now continue to be funded until alternative arrangements are up and running, at the earliest opportunity.

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, Councillor Graham Hinchey, said: "This new budget will give people, partners and communities the time and the confidence to come forward to take on the services that we will be unable to deliver in the future. It will also give us the capacity to help them take over these services, to help them get up and running, to make sure the services our communities value are maintained in a new way.

"We did not come into politics to reduce our valued public services, yet here we are essentially engaged in damage-limitation in the face of cuts we never imagined would be so savage.

"We are essentially buying time for people to step up to try and help us keep what we can in public hands for the benefit of everyone in Cardiff."

› Transition support for play centres

All Play Centres in Cardiff will remain open and staffed for children's play for five evenings per week until alternative arrangements are put in place.

Three development workers will be funded by the Council, but employed by a third party, on 12 month contracts to support community proposals.
The Council will provide community groups interested in taking over premised with advice on running costs, legislation and licensing.

Until alternative arrangements are put in place the Council will continue to meet all premises costs including maintenance, energy and insurance and will be prepared to issue leases of five years duration or short term 'licences to occupy' to bona fide groups.

Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Families, Cllr Sue Lent, said: "We fully recognise and appreciate the importance of play for children in the city and we are hopeful that the premises will be transferred into community management at the earliest opportunity."

› Seeking partnerships to deliver library services

The City of Cardiff Council has committed to funding branch libraries in the city until the end of the current council term in 2017, unless and until alternative delivery arrangements are in place.

In line with the authority's libraries strategy, the Council is keen to explore alternative ways of delivering library services with community groups and interested parties, and will continue to seek partners during this time.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury, said: "The budget for 2015/16 has now been agreed but the difficult decisions and financial pressures we face will continue into the coming years and a further £120m will have to be saved over the next three years.

"We know that library services in the city are held in considerable high regard by the public and they have a key role to play in communities. But the way in which people use libraries is changing so we are looking for creative solutions to help us overcome these challenges.

"We are keen to work with partners in the delivery of library services and will be exploring further some of the options put forward during the budget consultation in the coming months.

"It may be that different solutions will have to be found for different libraries and we will be working with communities in the process of finding alternative ways of delivering library services."

› Protecting Cardiff's Tourism Assets

The City of Cardiff Council is exploring the benefits of establishing a Heritage Trust to protect and manage Cardiff Castle, the Cardiff Story Museum (Old Library), the Mansion House and the Norwegian Church.

Tourism in Cardiff is worth £1bn 48m to the Welsh economy and the Council is researching alternative ways of working to lease and manage these assets, which are integral to Cardiff's offering as a tourist destination.

Current ideas involve setting up an arms length company, with a possible subsidiary trading arm to continue to instigate growth. Under this model, income generated by these venues would be controlled by a board of trustees and invested directly back to run and manage these facilities.

Councillor Peter Bradbury, Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise, said: "If we adopt this model, it will allow us to bid for more external funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Welsh Government and the Arts Council for Wales among others.

"Figures show the management of these buildings has improved significantly since 2013. We used to provide a subsidy of over £430K, now the 2014/15 budget for the four heritage assets is projecting a surplus of just over £347k with no subsidy - which includes running costs. This is a success story that we want to continue to build on.

"There are advantages and disadvantages to different ways of working, so a business case will be produced, with a further report to Cabinet to assess the findings. What I am clear on, is that we will research this thoroughly so we can make an informed decision to protect and invest in these facilities for future generations."

› Budget Facts

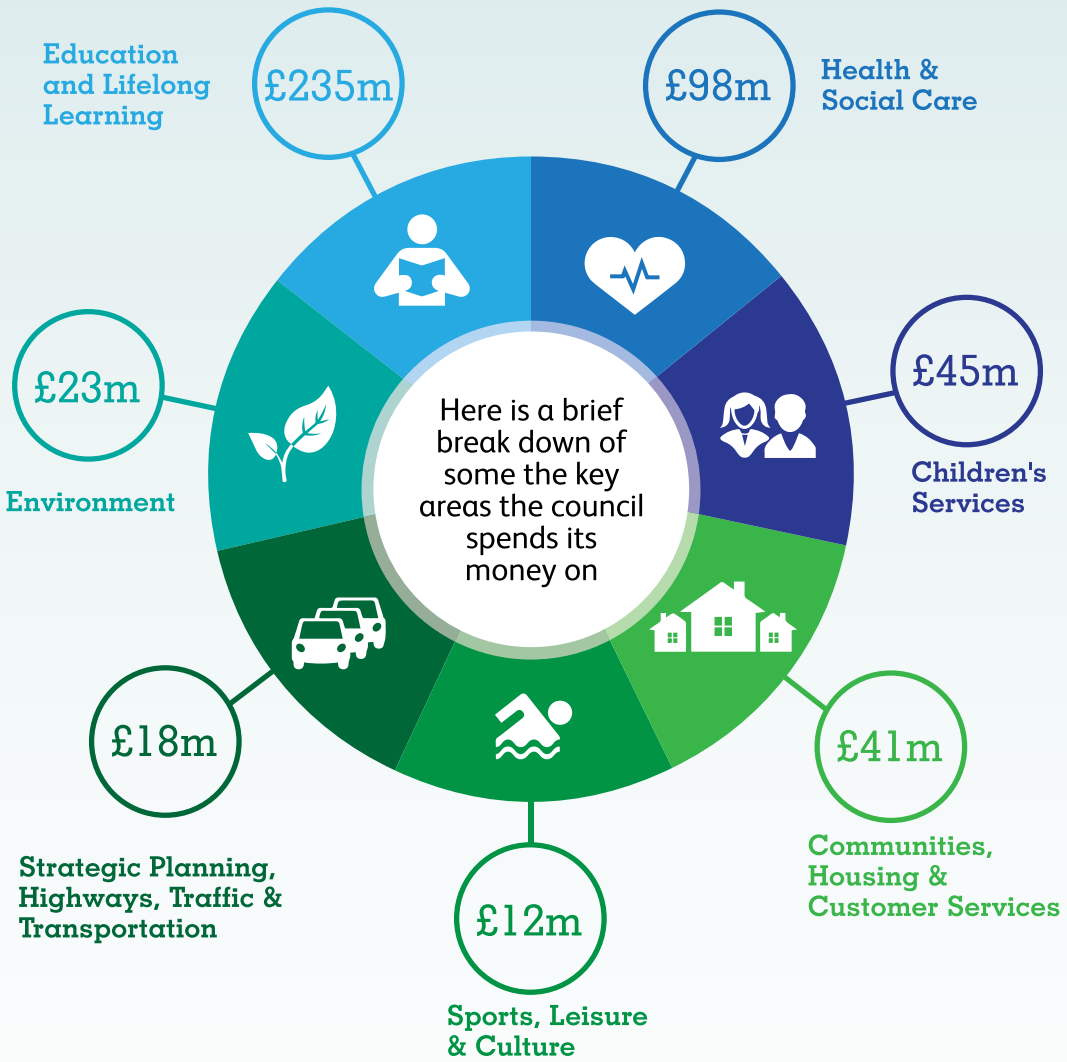
Council tax does not pay for all council services – it makes up only **25 per cent** of the council's budget

The council **does not set Business Rates** – we only collect them on behalf of Welsh Government

The rest of the Council's budget is funded from other sources – **Welsh Government (57 per cent) and Business Rates (18 per cent)**

It is estimated that Cardiff provides more than **700 separate services to the public.** Many of these are part of council's statutory responsibilities – such as education, social services, transport and planning. Councils also provide a range of non-statutory services such as sport, leisure and culture and the regeneration of local areas.

› Breakdown Costs



› Where the money goes

The Council also has a Capital Investment Programme of approximately **£685m**, earmarked for a five-year period, which includes:

- £143m — To improve the condition of school buildings and school facilities
- £112m — For schemes across the city to secure local regeneration, economic development and employment
- £70m — Investment to improve the condition of existing public and private housing including disabled adaptations
- £21m — To improve community buildings and facilities for citizens
- £188m — Estimated settlement obligation to Welsh Government in order to buy out from the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy system on April 2, 2015
- Investment in highways, transport as well as in technology and buildings to improve services is also included in the programme.

Working to deliver the best outcomes for Cardiff

THE setting of the City of Cardiff Council's budget for 2015/16 has been an extremely difficult process as we have sought to protect public services as much as we can against a backdrop of reduced funding and increased demand for services.

Our far-reaching consultation on the proposals began in November last year and gave people the opportunity to have their say.

Over 75 per cent of those who responded to the consultation supported the Council in exploring new ways of working to deliver services and this has to be the way forward as these deep cuts are expected to continue into the foreseeable future.

As it becomes ever more challenging to safeguard services, communities must take on a greater role in the provision of services.

We listened to people's views from the consultation and as far as the budget constraints would allow, proposals for the coming year have been amended and agreed.

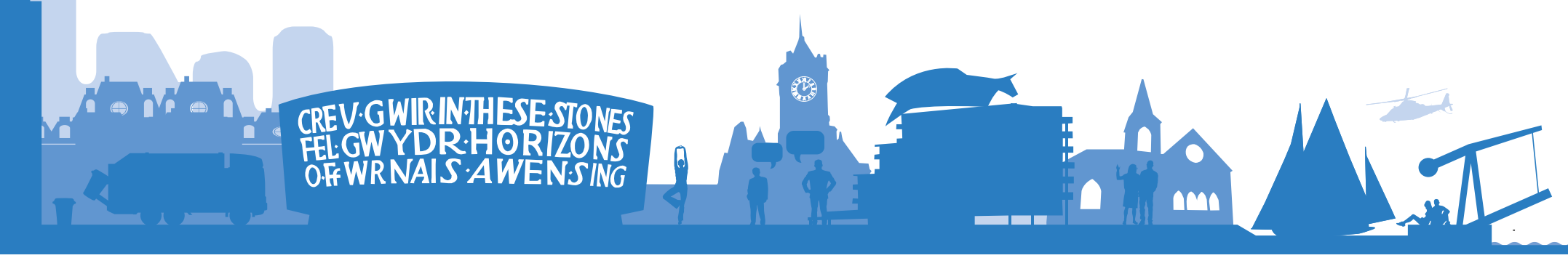
Funding for play centres and day centres will remain for the time being and we have committed to funding branch libraries for the remaining term of this administration, unless and until alternative delivery arrangements are in place.

We know from the consultation findings that there is an appetite out there amongst community groups, partners and other interested parties in taking over certain services but also, there is some concern about issues like employment implications, health and safety and building maintenance.

That is why we are establishing a small team for one year to help people, offering advice and support with the process.

This will help us achieve our aspiration of working better with partners and local communities to deliver the best outcomes for the people of Cardiff.

Councillor Phil Bale
Leader of the City of Cardiff



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A day in a life

The latest in a regular series looking at jobs carried out by people who make a difference in the city. This month **Andy Meek,** Head of Storey Arms Outdoor Education Centre, talks to Capital Times about his role working with children and young people at the centre.

"I have been head of the centre at Storey Arms in the heart of the Brecon Beacons for nearly five years. The centre has belonged to Cardiff for almost 45 years and we have around 3,000 visitors every year.

The first impression you get when you arrive at the centre is what a stunning location we have, only 40 minutes away from Cardiff in an amazing national park.

This is not a 9 to 5 job, by a long way. It's a lifestyle. There is a lot of weekend working, early morning starts and late nights.

Coming here can be a life-changing experience for youngsters from Cardiff. Many are missing out at being close to nature. They see a lot on their iPads and on television but Storey Arms gives people the chance to actually experience it. We try to open their eyes and get them thinking.

I often get in about 7.30am to check the residential team have everything they need, they haven't run out of any supplies and everything is ready for the group we have staying to meet with their instructors at 9am.

One of the first things we do every day is look at the weather forecast as that is key to deciding what we will do. Then we think about the people we are working with and whether the activity will suit them.

Our activities are quite broad. When students come for a week, on their first day we take them up to Pen Y Fan, the highest peak in South Wales, or maybe onto Fan Fawr. The views are unbelievable. It's a good way to start the week as the instructors get to know the group and the group gets a chance to find out more about their surroundings.

The rest of the week could include canoeing on the River Wye or the canal, caving to explore the underground, gorge walking and climbing all the while learning new skills, working together and having fun.

If I'm not out with a group, I'm in the centre taking bookings, arranging staffing and finance.

The work is very varied. We also hold day visits for primary schools to have an outdoor learning day that includes climbing, orienteering and team building.

Throughout October, all the first year students at Cardiff Metropolitan University's School of Sport attend a two-day team-building course and shortly we will be welcoming the insurance company, Admiral, here for a team-building day.

The outdoors is a perfect leveller. So if you're academic, sporty or neither, it doesn't matter. It's normally the quiet ones who shine throughout the week and that amazes the visiting teachers who see the children doing so well.

There is proof that outdoor education raises attainment. Teachers have told us how they have better relationships with children after a trip here and there is a greater willingness to learn. Children's behaviour is better and they have improved self-esteem.

"The best part of the job is watching the change in children. They grow in confidence and it's like a reawakening. You can see a change in a day and in a week, the difference is immense."

If you would like to find out more about Storey Arms Outdoor Education Centre or the Friends of Storey Arms, please visit www.storeyarms.com or email: storeyarms@cardiff.gov.uk or telephone 01874 623598.

East meets West in Riverside

Children at Riverside Play Centre were treated to a taste of the Orient as they celebrated Chinese New Year.

The Eastern theme ran throughout the half term activities from mask making to cooking up a delicious stir fry.

Chinese New Year is just one of the many festivals celebrated at the centre in the heart of the community. With help and advice from the local community, children are able to learn about lots of religious festivals and gain an understanding and respect for other cultures.

The children joined forces to make a huge flag of China as well as Chinese lanterns that decorated the play space. They also had a visit from local PCSOs who helped with the arts and crafts.

Committee Dates - March 2015

Tuesday, March 3, Public Protection Committee, 10.30am, Committee Room 1, County Hall. Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, March 4, Community and Adult Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, March 5, Extraordinary Council Meeting, 4.30pm, City Hall. Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, March 10, Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, 2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall. Environmental Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 3, County Hall.

Wednesday, March 11, Planning Committee, 2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, March 12, Cabinet, 3.30pm, City Hall.

Friday, March 13, Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee, 2.00pm. Records Office, Plas Morgannwg.

Tuesday, March 17, Democratic Services Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, March 18, Constitution Committee, 5pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall

Monday, March 23, Audit Committee, 2pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, March 26, Full Council*, 4.30pm, City Hall.

Tuesday, March 31, Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, April 1, Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, April 2, Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee, 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

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Cities are the 'lifeblood of economic development'

CITIES are now recognised as essential to the success of the UK economy. In Cardiff, recent figures show that over the last year 8,000 additional jobs have been created and business start-up rates have increased by 40 per cent.

To build on this success, Cardiff has been involved with three recent announcements, to work with our partners and neighbouring cities, to maximise the potential for the city and the wider region.

The Core Cities Group launched the Freedom Charter in Glasgow, which sets out the desire to devolve income generating powers down to local government and local communities.

The Great Western Cities announcement in Newport – sets out the beginning of a partnership to work with Newport and Bristol to rival the cities of the north of England.

The Welsh Government set out the latest news on the Cardiff Capital Region – focussing on the need for 10 local Welsh councils to work together. The report focussed on the METRO– a modern sustainable transport plan

to support the growth of Cardiff and the wider region to manage the projected increase in population.

Leader of the City of Cardiff Council, Councillor Phil Bale, said: "Cities are the lifeblood of economic development and I am proud that Cardiff is working closely in partnership with both the Welsh Government and our neighbouring cities to continue to make Cardiff a better place to live, work and visit.

"Cardiff is projected to be the fastest-growing city outside London over the next 15 years and we are committed to manage this growth in a sustainable way."

› Core Cities Freedom Charter

Cardiff is the latest member of the Core Cities Group, which is made up of the eight largest cities outside London, as well as Glasgow and Cardiff. The charter sets out the aim to increase prosperity, equality and democracy, specifically looking at skills and jobs, transport, business, trade and investment, housing, planning, public sector reform and the police – to drive economic growth and city devolution. The Core Cities campaign for further income generating powers for local authorities.

These powers would help the Council further deliver the priorities that have been set out in its corporate plan, to further protect the vulnerable, improve education, increase investment and jobs and deliver services in a co-operative way.

› Great Western Cities

Cardiff is working with Newport and Bristol on a range of issues including improving transport links and connectivity, increasing business growth and inward investment as well as maximising the renewable energy opportunities in the Severn Estuary.

Working together, the three areas have an economic output just over £58bn. In a recent report by the City Growth Commission, the 'Severn region' was identified as one of the six 'power house city regions' upon which the British economy will rely. The Great Western Cities will compete against the cities in the north of England, to bid for further funding and set out a clear case on the benefits of city regions working together.

› Cardiff Capital Region

The Cardiff Capital Region is led by the Welsh Government to instigate growth and jobs in South East Wales. The latest report sets out developments on the METRO – an integrated transport system which will be built to improve public transport and connectivity.

Some 100,000 people currently move in and out of Cardiff every day and the city will continue to grow so Cardiff is making plans for the future in terms of housing, transport and employment. The Council is committed to working with the Welsh Government and Central Government to deliver a strong city region to benefit the residents of Cardiff.

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Chapter Three: Cardiff Children's Literature Festival

TURN the page on Chapter Three of the Cardiff Children's Literature Festival and you'll enter a magical world of pooping dinosaurs, crime-solving detectives, wimpy kids, giant pants, pirates and princesses.

From March 24 – 29, the city will be filled with characters from the pages of books by some of the best local and national contemporary authors and illustrators.

Over 50 exciting events are taking place across the city to inspire book lovers from toddlers to teens and this year there is even a special selection of events for adults as well.

Emma Dodd, illustrator of the New York Times Number 1 title 'I Love My Daddy' and award winning 'I Love My Mummy' is encouraging kids to bring their grannies along to her interactive storytelling and craft event as she launches 'I Love My Granny' - the next instalment in the internationally bestselling 'I Love You' series.

'Horrible Histories' illustrator Martin Brown will return to the festival with an action packed show full of jokes, drawing and fantastic facts from the Savage Stone Age to the Terrifying Twentieth Century.

Lydia Monks, Heather Dyer, Petr Horáček, Mererid Hopwood, Jonathan Meres, Shoo Rayner and Eurig Salisbury will also be at the festival to bring their tales of moon eating mice, golden arms, flying bedrooms and baby dragons to life.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury, said: "With workshops on creative writing, live drawing events, storytelling sessions and shows, the Cardiff Children's Literature Festival has captured the imagination of both children and adults. With the support of our partner organisations and a stellar line up of authors and illustrators, the 2015 festival is a great way to nurture a love of books from an early age."

Literature Wales Chief Executive, Lleucu Siencyn, said: "It is a pleasure to be working with the City of Cardiff Council, Cardiff University and Amgueddfa Cymru on the third instalment of the Cardiff Children's Literature Festival which will once again transform the capital city into a world of stories and imagination. The 2015 festival will be even more special as this year marks the centenary of T Llew Jones, one of Wales' most iconic children's authors. Through author events, workshops and an outreach programme which will see a troupe of authors working with local school children we look forward to inspiring the next generation of young poets and authors."

Tickets and the full programme of events are now available at www.cardiffchildrenslitfest.com or visit www.facebook.com/CDFKidsLitFest / www.facebook.com/gwylllenplantcaerdydd or follow @CDFKidsLitFest or @GwylLlenPlant on Twitter for more information.

Know the Score - Drink Less, Enjoy More

THE City of Cardiff Council is supporting South Wales Police in a new campaign that urges people to enjoy a night out without having too much to drink.

"Know the score – drink less, enjoy more", reminds people of the consequences of drinking too much and also reminds bar staff and licensed premises that is illegal to serve people who are drunk.

Many people are unaware that it is illegal to buy alcohol for a friend who is drunk, and that they could be fined up to £1,000.

As is the case every weekend and for other busy times of the year, police officers will be on patrol in the city centre during the Six Nations Championships to help reduce alcohol-related crime. Officers will visit licensed premises to ensure the law and licensing conditions are being upheld.

Everyone is encouraged to show their support for the campaign by taking part in the debate on social media, using #drinklessenjoymore, and by thinking about their own alcohol intake.

Summer term music auditions

AUDITIONS for the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan (CCVG) Music Service county ensembles will take place during the Summer Term at the Friary Centre, starting in April.

The service runs 20 ensembles weekly in term time at the Friary Centre for almost 900 children. There are four orchestras, four brass bands, two wind bands, two choirs, three percussion ensembles, two big bands, two guitar ensembles and a symphonic brass ensemble. Pupils interested in auditioning must attend schools which use the CCVG Music Service.

For dates and times of the auditions, please visit www.ccvgmusicservice.org or tel: 029 2064 0950, e-mail ccvgmusicservice@cardiff.gov.uk

News in brief

Greek Cypriot night raises funds for Tenovus

THE Lord Mayor's Charity, Tenovus, has received a donation of £700 from the Greek Cypriot Association of Wales.

The association held a function at its community centre in Butetown featuring Greek music, dancing and plenty of Greek food. Over 75 people attended the event in support of the charity with provides help and treatment at the heart of communities for cancer patients and their families.

The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Margaret Jones, accepted the donation from Greek Cypriot Association trustee, Councillor Michael Michael at a recent Full Council meeting.

Food waste on the menu in city-wide competition

PRIMARY school pupils across Cardiff have been getting creative in the kitchen in the name of fighting food waste.

The City of Cardiff Council's schools waste minimisation and recycling education initiative, The Really Rubbish Campaign – which is now in its 10th year, launched a city-wide competition, inviting students to devise their very own 'Fantastic Food Waste Menu'.

Radyr Primary School won the 'Super Starter' category with their cheese and vegetable pasta dish, Meadowlane Primary School in St Mellons claimed the prize for their 'Marvellous Main' with a leftover Christmas dinner pizza, and Marlborough Primary School in Roath won the 'Delicious Dessert' course with their ice cube smoothies.

Meadowlane Primary School were awarded the overall win for their creation, and received a workshop from 'Love Food, Hate Waste' Wales for their efforts.

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Public buildings go Wi-Fi

UP to 150 public buildings across the city are now benefitting from free Wi-Fi thanks to a £2.2m investment which forms part of Cardiff's Super Connected Cities project.

The Public Building Wi-Fi project aims to address digital inclusion and improve visitor experience by making free Wi-Fi available in public buildings across Cardiff including libraries, leisure centres, community halls, NHS sites and other civic amenities and public charities.

Following a competitive procurement exercise, the City of Cardiff Council has appointed BT to deliver Wi-Fi to public buildings by March 31.

Visitors to these buildings will be able to connect to the free Wi-Fi when prompted by their device Wi-Fi settings and will simply need to register basic details to enable them to connect.

The initiative forms part of the UK-wide Super Connected Cities project. In 2012, the UK Government announced that Cardiff was to become one of the first 10 cities in the UK to become 'super-connected' as part of the Government's multi-million pound investment in ultrafast broadband.

The aim of the programme is to create 'super-connected cities' across the UK, delivering high-speed, high-quality, seamless broadband to businesses by 2015 and has been branded Digital Cardiff for the city.

Digital Cardiff includes the rollout of additional projects, including free street Wi-Fi with 4G developments, the newly installed free Wi-Fi service on all Cardiff buses, Connection Vouchers enabling organisations to apply for up to £3,000 to install broadband into their premises and a new Internet Exchange Point (IXP) for Cardiff.

Leader of the City of Cardiff Council, Councillor Phil Bale, said: "The Super Connected Scheme objectives are delivering a vastly improved digital service for residents, visitors, businesses and commuters. So far the building Wi-Fi stats have shown that there have been nearly 60,000 devices accessing the free service. In addition, another 1,200 users per day are using the street and bus Wi-Fi.

"This shows how Cardiff has become truly super connected with around 7,000 users per day using the free Wi-Fi services, an enormous aid to getting people online to help bridge the digital divide we hear so much about."

Ann Beynon, BT Director for Wales, said: "We're delighted to be working with the City of Cardiff Council on the Public Building WiFi project that will deliver free public WiFi across the city. This builds on the successful deployment of free street WiFi that we have already developed.

"Cardiff is fast becoming a super connected city which is good news for not only business but also its residents and visitors. We look forward to continuing our strong working relationship with the City of Cardiff Council for the benefit of all."

For more information on the Digital Cardiff project, please visit www.digitalcardiff.net

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Volunteers brave cold conditions to keep bay tidy

Cardiff Rivers Group, the community voluntary action group formed to address the problem of litter and debris in and around Cardiff's rivers, has completed its 100th event.

The group was formed in 2009 by Keep Wales Tidy as part of the Tidy Towns initiative and recently notched up the century mark as they cleaned up an area of Cardiff Bay, near to the Doctor Who Experience.

A total of 37 volunteers braved the freezing and blustery conditions on the day, assisted by officers from the City of Cardiff Council's Parks services.

The clean-up was a great success resulting in two floating skips, supplied by Cardiff Harbour Authority, being completely filled with rubbish.

Dave King, founder member of Cardiff Rivers Group, said: "I could never have imagined we could have achieved so much as a group and would like to express my thanks to all our funders, volunteers and supporters who have helped us get where we are today. I look forward to seeing what the next five years brings."

Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Bob Derbyshire, said: "It's great to see the Cardiff Rivers Group reach this commendable landmark.

"This is a group who have really stepped up to the challenge of keeping our rivers and the environment around them clean and tidy for all to enjoy. My sincere thanks go to them for all the hard work they do around the city.

"I would urge anyone who has some free time and cares about our environment to get involved with the group. Volunteering is very worthwhile and many members of the group have acquired new skills and experience that has led to them gaining employment."

Cardiff Rivers Group always welcome new volunteers, so if you would like to get involved, visit the website at www.cardiffriversgroup.co.uk

Whitchurch residents tackle speeding

A group of Whitchurch residents has set up a Speed Watch Group to encourage motorists to drive responsibly in their local community.

The group has been set up by eight local residents, including two members who have passed the Advanced Driving Test and are members of the Institute of Advanced motorists, and in partnership with South Wales Police, carried out their first 'speed watch' recently to raise awareness of the importance of sticking to the 30mph speed limit along residential streets.

Decked in hi-vis gear and armed with a speed gun and portable screen that shows the speed at which a vehicle is travelling, the group set up at the junction of Heol-Y-Forlan and Foreland Road to monitor passing traffic in both roads.

Speed watch group member and co-ordinator of the Whitchurch and Tongwynlais Community Network, Derek Hector, said: "Speeding is not something peculiar to our area - most residential streets in Cardiff have the problem – but we wanted to remind people that the speed limit is 30mph here.

"The Police have been very supportive and we are very grateful to them for their time. We had a good reaction to the first speed watch and are looking to carry more out around the area on a monthly basis.

"We are not out to catch drivers – we can't do that – just raise awareness of the importance of sticking to the speed limit."

Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability, Councillor Ramesh Patel, said: "It's commendable that these residents in Whitchurch are giving up their free time to make their local area a safer place – for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

"Promoting slower speeds can lead to more people walking and cycling and also reduce the risk of collisions in residential areas so I'm really pleased to see this local group stepping up to make a difference."

PCSO Gary Dunning from Whitchurch Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "The issue of speeding has been raised by residents in Whitchurch and we wanted to take action. We have many proactive local residents who were very keen to start a Speed Watch Group, which is already gaining more interest by the day.

"We are grateful for their time and will carry on supporting them. They can show a presence in a different street each time, reminding drivers that they need to abide by the speed limit."

Biodiversity Corner

Biodiversity includes all living things, and is an essential part of the natural environment which supports and enriches our lives. Ecologist **Matthew Harris** takes a look at the natural world in Cardiff.

Spring is as good a time as any to look for wildlife.

Learning to identify the birds, insects and flowers that you see while on a walk, in your local park or even your garden, can be great fun. But the observations you make can also be very important for nature conservation. Biological Recording is where records of wildlife from people such as yourself are collated and made available to the wider community. These records are then used to guide wildlife protection and monitoring, as well as positive conservation projects. All that is needed is the name of the species that was seen, where and when you saw it, and your details. Photographs and any other details may also be useful.

In Cardiff our local biodiversity records centre is SEWBReC (www.sewbrec.org.uk) which is part of a Wales-wide network of similar centres. There are also national recording projects such as the National Biodiversity Network (http://nbn.org.uk/), as well as schemes which focus on certain species such as the Wales Online Amphibian and Reptile Atlas (http://arc.cofnod.org.uk/)

If you are having trouble identifying an animal or plant, either contact SEWBReC, or try websites such as iSpot (www.ispotnature.org)

More about wildlife next month.

Oakfield Primary celebrate Platinum success in Eco Schools Awards

Oakfield Primary School in St Mellons has scooped a Platinum Eco Schools award for staff and pupils' work on environmental issues.

The school has an active eco-council who are involved in a range of activities and initiatives including turning lights down to save energy, planning an Eco Disco, holding a Fairtrade shop, cycle training and cycle maintenance.

Voice of Wales

The Bilingual Cardiff team takes a lead role in developing a truly bilingual Cardiff where citizens and staff of the City of Cardiff Council can access services and support in either language equally through improved partnership working.

THANKS to all who responded to our previous article about Cardiff place names. It's good to see so many people taking an interest in this subject, and on the whole, most of the respondents were in favour of restoring the old Welsh names in Council publications.

We now use the names Draenen Pen-y-Graig and y Gored Ddu in the Council's Welsh documentation for Thornhill and Blackweir in that order.

The Council already uses Heol y Plwca as the Welsh name for City Road, so thanks also to all respondents who mentioned that name.

Although most respondents were in favour of restoring the name Sarn Fid Foel as the Welsh name for North Road, the Council will continue to use the name Heol y Gogledd in its Welsh documentation for the time being for the sake of convenience, and will discuss any further possible changes with the Welsh Government, the Welsh Language Commissioner's Office, and the public before restoring any old names or adopting any new names.

The issue of using Plas as the translation of Place, as in Bute Place, Dumfries Place, Guildhall Place, Park Place, Windsor Place etc was also a topic of discussion in the Bilingual Cardiff office. Although Mansion or Palace are the usual English meanings of the word, thanks to Professor Dylan Foster Evans for explaining the other meaning of the word - 'open space, (in city, town, before a castle etc), square, street, road'. (see Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru http://geiriadur.ac.uk/gpc/gpc.html).

Thanks again to all who contributed to this fascinating discussion, and you're welcome to send any further comments you may have regarding Cardiff place-names to BilingualCardiff@cardiff.gov.uk

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Plasmawr pupils send their friends to school

TWO students from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr have scooped a national award and have been selected to become young ambassadors for the Send My Friend to School campaign.

George Watts and Emily Pemberton (bottom right) have won this year's Steve Sinnott Award for their presentation on global issues in education and their natural ability to engage with an audience.

The Award was set up in 2008, in memory of the former NUT General Secretary Steve Sinnott and is part of the work of The Steve Sinnott Foundation which promotes the UN goal that every young person everywhere shall have the opportunity to access quality education, encouraging unity amongst teachers, young people and organisations across the world in support of Education for All.

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Councillor Julia Magill, commended the winners: "Congratulations to George, Emily and Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr. This prestigious award is indicative of the school's dedication to highlighting and tackling inequalities at all levels.

"We are committed in our schools to ensuring pupils have excellent education and Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr is a great example of a school enhancing the school curriculum and preparing them for life as truly global citizens."

George and Emily will travel to Bangladesh with the charity Action Aid, meeting children currently in and out of education, politicians and campaigners. On their return, they will continue their campaigning by sharing their findings with teachers, media and MPs, as well as encouraging more pupils to sign up to the Send My Friend campaign.

Ysgol Plasmawr Headteacher, John Hayes, was delighted with George and Emily's success.

He said: "Plasmawr places a great deal of emphasis on equality issues and winning the Steve Sinnott Award is the culmination of many years work in highlighting many different issues relating to equality at a local, national and global level. We look forward to hearing about their once in a lifetime experience on their return from Bangladesh."

Action Aid also chose the two pupils as one of their 15 exceptional 15-year-olds from the UK to help their launch their campaign ACTION 2015, which aims to lobby world leaders to agree to robust sustainable development goals when they meet later this year.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS MENU 23 FEBRUARY - 27 MARCH 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
23 FEB / 16 MARCH	**24 FEB / 17 MARCH**	**25 FEB / 18 MARCH**	**26 FEB / 19 MARCH**	**27 FEB / 20 MARCH**
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Tuna & Sweetcorn Pizza Cheese & Tomato Pizza V Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans Sweetcorn Shortbread Fingers	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce/Gravy Vegeballs in Tomato Sauce/Gravy V Pasta Creamed Potato Garden Peas Coconut Slice/Sponge	Chilli Con Carne Vegetable Chilli V Fish Finger Wrap Tomato Ketchup Rice / New Potatoes Mixed Vegetables / Coleslaw Jelly with Fruit Cocktail	Roast Turkey Pork Sausage Quorn Sausage V Sage & Onion Stuffing Gravy Roast/New Potatoes Cabbage /Carrots Chocolate Cornflake Crisps	Crispy Golden Fish Cheese, Egg & Potato Bake V Tomato Ketchup Creamed Potato Garden Peas Strawberry Tart with Custard
02 MARCH / 23 MARCH	**03 MARCH / 24 MARCH**	**04 MARCH / 25 MARCH**	**05 MARCH / 26 MARCH**	**06 MARCH / 27 MARCH**
Chicken Kiev Vegetable Nuggets V Tomato Ketchup New Potatoes Garden Peas Rice Pudding with Raisins	Pasta Bolognaise Pasta Neapolitan V Garlic Bread Green Beans Chocolate Brownie	Chicken Tikka Vegetable Tikka V Alaskan Salmon Bake Rice Creamed Potatoes Garden Peas Pancake with Ice Cream	Roast Pork / Pork Sausage Cheese & Potato Pie V Sage & Onion Stuffing Apple Sauce/Gravy Roast/Creamed Potatoes Broccoli/Carrots Chocolate Crunch Cookies	Fish Fingers Scrambled Egg & Cheesy Beans on Toast V Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans Garden Peas / Coleslaw Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Custard
09 MARCH	**10 MARCH**	**11 MARCH**	**12 MARCH**	**13 MARCH**
Beef Burger Quorn Burger V Tomato Ketchup Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas Coleslaw Rice Pudding with Raisins	Chicken & Pepperoni Pasta Bake Pasta Neapolitan V Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Muesli Cookie	Chicken Korma Vegetable Korma V Crispy Golden Fish Tomato Ketchup Rice / New Potatoes Garden Peas Chocolate Muffin	Roast Beef Cheese & Vegetable Pastry V Yorkshire Pudding / Gravy Roast/New Potatoes Broccoli/Carrots Flapjack	Salmon Chunks Country Vegetable Bake V Creamed Potato Baked Beans Eve's Pudding with Custard

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Cardiff clubs attain inclusive standard

THREE clubs in Cardiff have been awarded with Disability Sport Wales insport accreditation recognising their inclusive approach towards sport.

The insport programme consists of four incremental standards - Ribbon, Bronze, Silver and Gold - against which a series of goals must be met. Sporting organisations must demonstrate how programmes of inclusion have been embedded in their activities and explain how working towards the inclusion of disabled people in sport has made a difference to them.

The scheme aims to share excellence in ideas and practices around inclusion amongst sporting bodies nationally.

Cardiff Amateur Athletics Club and Cardiff Met Archers Athletics Club have both achieved the insport Ribbon standard while Celts Wheelchair Basketball Club has achieved insport Bronze accreditation.

The accreditation is available to both mainstream and disability sports clubs and Sport Cardiff is able to support clubs through the process and provide guidance where needed.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury, said: "Congratulations to the three Cardiff clubs who have achieved the insport accreditation. It's extremely important that disabled people have access to a wide range of sporting opportunities and I hope that more clubs in the city will get on board to achieve this inclusive standard."

Jon Morgan from Disability Sport Wales, said: "We are delighted that these three clubs have been successful in illustrating their commitment to inclusive practice in sport. As similar sporting organisations work towards the insport accreditations, the result will be that opportunity is widened, participation increases, and disabled people become more active and engaged in sport.

"We work with many sports clubs and organisations like these, who share our view that sporting opportunities should be available and accessible to the widest possible audience. Working collectively, we will achieve our vision of being a nation which is hooked on sport for life, and one which consists of many champions."

If your club is inclusive or would like support with becoming inclusive, get in touch with Sport Cardiff to find out how you could be next to receive this award and recognition for your efforts. For more information, email: sportcardiff@cardiffmet.ac.uk or call 029 2020 5284.

£6m investment in Eastern Leisure Centre begins

THE redevelopment of Eastern Leisure Centre has begun.

The centre closed its doors at the end of February to undergo a £6m redevelopment which will include an open reception area; a licensed café/ juice bar overlooking the swimming pool; village style changing rooms; a refurbished swimming pool; greatly improved gym facilities; a new dance studio; a new spin room and improved soft play facilities.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise, Cllr Peter Bradbury, said: "Eastern Leisure Centre is a very popular facility in the local community with 250,000 people using the centre last year. There has been strong support from both the community and elected Councillors to redevelop and modernise this important leisure venue.

The 66 week project will be carried out by Kier Ltd.

Cardiff City FC Cardiff City Stadium

Sky Bet Championship
Saturday, March 7 (3pm)
Cardiff v Charlton Athletic

Tuesday, March 17 (7.45pm)
Cardiff v AFC Bournemouth

Saturday, March 21 (3pm)
Cardiff v Birmingham City

Cardiff Blues Cardiff Arms Park

Guinness PRO 12
Friday, March 6 (7.35pm)
Cardiff Blues v Leicester Tigers

Millennium Stadium

RBS Six Nations
Saturday, March 14 (2.30pm)
Wales v Ireland

Cardiff Devils – Cardiff Bay Ice Arena

Elite League
Saturday, March 7, (7pm)
Cardiff Devils v Dundee Stars

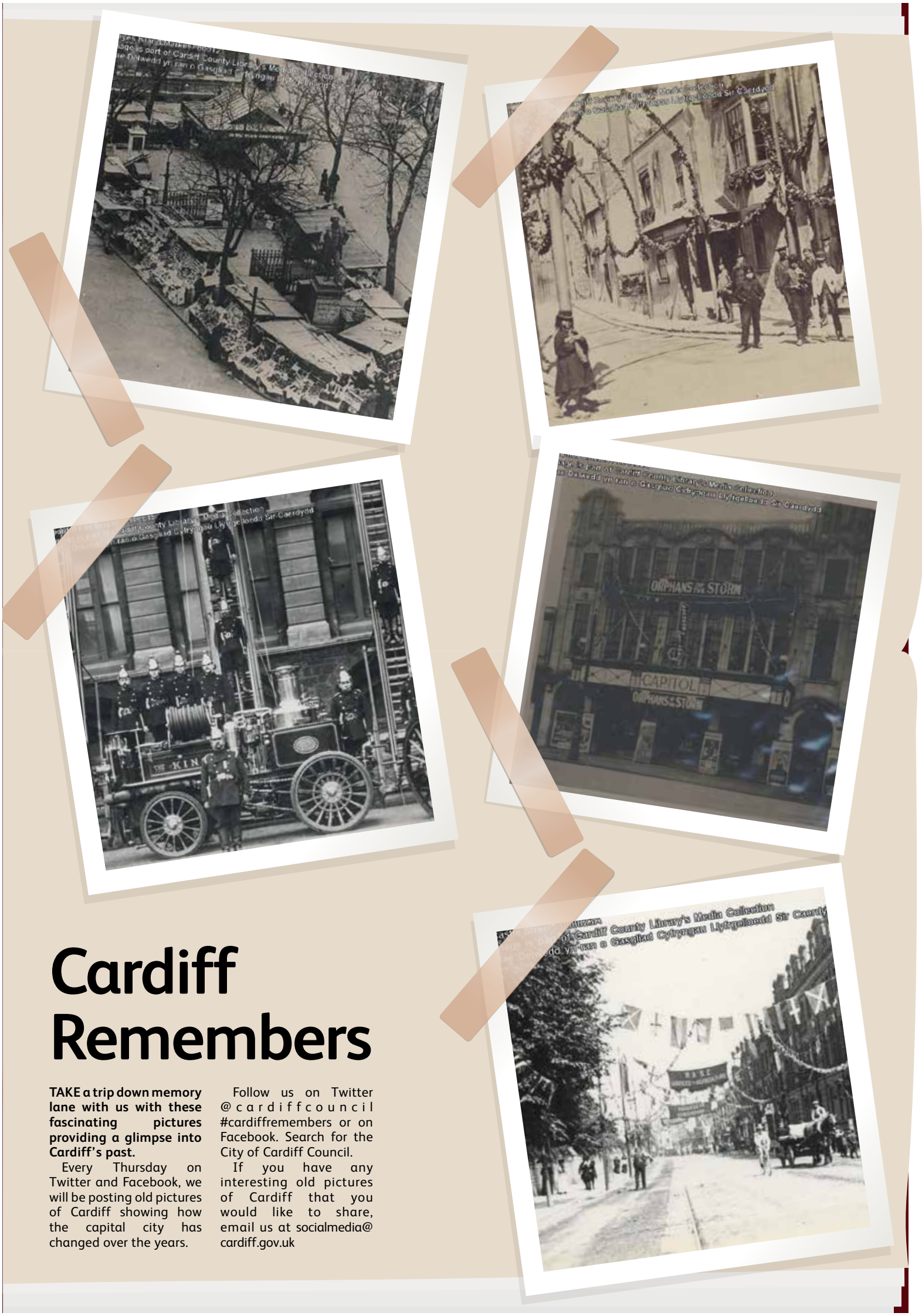
Sunday, March 15, (6pm)
Cardiff Devils v Sheffield Steelers

Wednesday, March 18, (7.30pm)
Cardiff Devils v Edinburgh Capitals

Sunday, March 22, (6pm)
Cardiff Devils v Nottingham Panthers

Please note fixtures can be subject to change

For other sporting fixtures taking place across the city this month please visit www.sport-cardiff.com



Cardiff Remembers

TAKE a trip down memory lane with us with these fascinating pictures providing a glimpse into Cardiff's past.

Every Thursday on Twitter and Facebook, we will be posting old pictures of Cardiff showing how the capital city has changed over the years.

Follow us on Twitter @cardiffcouncil #cardiffremembers or on Facebook. Search for the City of Cardiff Council.

If you have any interesting old pictures of Cardiff that you would like to share, email us at socialmedia@cardiff.gov.uk

News in brief

Jobs up for grabs

HUNDREDS of jobs will be on offer at Cardiff Jobs Fair this month.

Organised by the City of Cardiff Council's Into Work Services, Job Centre Plus and Careers Wales, around 25 employers from the retail, care and hospitality sector will be in attendance on the fourth floor of Marland House on Wednesday, March 18 from 10am to 2pm.

There will also be a CV clinic and help with Universal Jobmatch. Follow Cardiff Jobs Fair on Twitter @cardiffjobsfair or search for Cardiff Jobs Fair on Facebook for more information.

Cardiff Youths Going For Gold…and Silver and Bronze

Commonwealth Gold medal-winning gymnast Frankie Jones gave Cardiff young people a taste of their own medal winning success recently when she presented them with their Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Awards at the Annual DofE Presentation Evening at St David's Hall.

The ceremony celebrated the achievements of 465 young people from DofE Centres groups and schools across the city gaining awards across all three levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The award is offered in 10 high schools, two special schools, two independent schools, two sixth form colleges and 14 youth centres in the city.

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Councillor Julia Magill said: "The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is going from strength to strength here in Cardiff with new starter enrolments of 1,198 young people in this year alone.

"A well-educated and skilled workforce is essential to Cardiff as a leading international capital city and the DofE provides young people with the key skills of self-management, team working, leadership and communication skills – all the key qualities that employers are looking for."

Capital Events

Another event brought to you by City of Cardiff Council **www.cardiff.gov.uk** or call **C2C** on **2087 2087**

New Theatre
Tel: 2087 8889
www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

See website for performance times and further details.

Spamalot
Monday, March 2 – Saturday, March 7

Clwyd Theatr Cymru: Hamlet
Tuesday, March 10 – Saturday, March 14

The Sound of Music
Tuesday, March 17 – Saturday, March 28

Saturday Night Fever
Tuesday March 31 – Saturday, April 4

St David's Hall
Tel: 2087 8444
www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

See website for performance times and further details.

Joan Armatrading
Tuesday, March 3, 7.30pm

One Man Breaking Bad-Comedy
Wednesday, March 4, 7.30pm

Anton and Erin
Thursday, March 5, 7.30pm

Cardiff Philharmonic Orchestra Tchaikovsky Night
Friday, March 6, 7.30pm

Verdi Rigoletto
Saturday, March 7, 7.30pm

Verdi La Traviata
Sunday, March 8, 7.30pm

Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Junior Schools
Monday, March 9, 7pm

Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan
Tuesday, March 10, 7pm

Steven Wilson
Friday, March 13, 7.30pm

Rumours of Fleetwood Mac
Sunday, March 15, 7.30pm

Music for Easter
Tuesday, March 17, 1pm

Secondary School's MusicMix A2: Arts Active
Wednesday, March 18, 9am
Free Event - for relevant ticketing information contact the Box Office 02920 878444

30 Minutes-ICS Extras
Wednesday, March 18

Philharmonia Orchestra
Wednesday, March 18, 7.30pm

The Elvis Years
Thursday, March 19, 7.30pm

BBC National Orchestra of Wales Ten Pieces
Friday, March 20, 7pm

59th Lord Mayor's Matinee
Sunday, March 22, 2pm

Blue
Monday, March 23, 7.30pm

Huw Tregelles Williams-Concert
Tuesday, March 24, 1pm

The Circus of Horrors
Wednesday, March 25 – Thursday, March 26, 8pm

Cardiff University Symphony Orchestra
Friday, March 27, 7pm

Cardiff Ukulele Festival
Saturday, March 27, 1pm
Free Event - for relevant ticketing information contact the Box Office 02920 878444

The Glory of Easter
Saturday, March 28, 7.30pm

Matthew Jones and Annabel Thwaite-Concert
Tuesday, March 31, 1pm

Richard Herring - Comedy
Tuesday, March 31, 8pm

Solid Silver 60s
Wednesday, April 1, 7.30pm

Cardiff Castle
Tel: 2087 8100
www.cardiffcastle.com

Lecture: 'Caught in Time': Lord Bute's extraordinary Clock Tower
Thursday, March 12 & Tuesday, March 17, 6pm
Tickets: £7.50 029 2087 8100

Lecture: 'Georgian Cardiff Castle'
Thursday, March 26 & Monday, March 30, 6pm
Tickets: £7.50 029 2087 8100

Cardiff Children's Lit Fest
Saturday, March 28-Sunday, March 29
Find out more about the latest chapter in this popular city-wide event. www.cardiffchildrenslitfest.com

Easter Holiday Trail
Saturday, March 28 – Sunday, April 12, 11am – 4pm. Look for the clues hidden around the site in this Easter-themed trail. Tickets: Normal admission or a valid Castle Key plus £1 per trail including a prize www.cardiffcastle.com

Easter Fun
Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 3 11am – 4pm. A week of traditional Easter treats with games, egg decorating and egg rolling. Normal admission applies or a valid Castle Key. Please pre-book egg-decorating (charge £5 for one child and one adult; £2.50 per additional person) Tel: 029 2087 8100

Cardiff Story Museum
Tel: 029 2078 8334
www.cardiffstory.com

Dinky Dragons
Friday, March 13, 10am - 3pm
A free monthly toddler & baby day.

Libraries
Tel: 2038 2116
www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents

There are lots of activities happening in libraries across Cardiff from children's activities to live music. For details visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents or contact your local branch.

Norwegian Church Art Centre
Tel: 2087 7959
norwegianchurchcardiff.com

The Welsh Norwegian Society
monthly meetings, Third Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm. Free.

Pinquins - Norwegian percussionists
Thursday, March 5, 7.30pm
Price: £10 / £7

Action-art - Motorsport Art Exhibition
Monday, March 9 – Sunday, March 15, 11am – 4pm. Free

Touch Trust
Friday, March 13, 7pm
Tickets are on sale from Touch Trust's office in Wales Millennium Centre priced at £7 each. Call Dave Morris/ Debbie Fish 029 20635 660 to reserve your tickets.

Boutique Gift Markets
Saturday, March 14 – Sunday, March 15, 10.30am-5pm

Of Mice & Men
Friday, March 27, 2pm & 8pm
Price: £8.00 Tickets Tel: 029 2087 7959

Siobhan Owen - Welsh born Australian Singer & Harpist
Saturday, March 28, 7.30pm
Price: £8.50 (adv) / £10.00 (door)
Tel: 029 2087 7959 email: norwegian church@cardiff.gov.uk (reservations only) Purchase tickets on-line: www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/134138

Yoga
Mondays 12.30pm - 1.15pm, Tuesdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm & 6.45pm - 8pm. For details contact: Sharon Davies 07504 475394 / daviesyoga@yahoo.co.uk

Flat Holm
Tel : 02920 877912
www.flatholmisland.com

Flat Holm offers a sense of wilderness and is the perfect family getaway. With a wealth of history and wildlife, you will be amazed at how much there is to discover. For further details: www.flatholmisland.com / 029 2087 7912.

The Flat Holm Society public talk & AGM
Saturday, March 7, 12pm lunch, 2pm meeting. For details visit www.flatholmsociety.org.uk or e-mail flatholm.society@gmail.com

Parks
Tel: 02922 330235
www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks

A year in the life of a rose
Wednesday, March 11, 2pm-3pm
Meet at Roath Park Conservatory. Free

Monthly Nature Ramble at Forest Farm
Saturday, March 21, 10am-12pm

Gwaelod y Garth and the Garth Mountain walk
Sunday, March 22, 11am-12.30pm
Meet in the lane up to Georgetown, Gwaelod y Garth. Free

Stories of the Garth Mountain walk
Sunday, March 29, 11am-12.30pm
Meet in the lane up to Georgetown, Gwaelod y Garth.

Childrens play sessions at Pentre Gardens
Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, April 1 3pm-5pm. Free play for children aged 5-15. For future events and wet weather alternatives check the Friends of Pentre Gardens Facebook page or contact Inge Hanson on 07808 965 892

Wales Millennium Centre
Tel: 2063 6464
www.wmc.org.uk

Stewart Lee: A Room With A Stew
Saturday, March 7

Edward Scissorhands
Tuesday, March 10 – Saturday, March 14

Brendan Cole: A Night To Remember
Sunday, March 15

Dirty Dancing - The Classic Story On Stage
Wednesday, March 18 – Saturday, March 28

Man to Man
Friday, March 20 – Friday March 27

Herstory & The Other and Me
Saturday, March 21- Sunday March 22

Ignite
Saturday, March 28

TEDxCardiff
Saturday, March 28

Dylan Moran: Off The Hook
Sunday, March 29

Composition: Wales - Culmination Concert
Wednesday, April 1

City & Bay Events
Email: events@cardiff.gov.uk
Tel: 2087 2087

Cardiff Children's Literature Festival
Tuesday, March 24 - Sunday, March 29. With over 50 exciting events to choose from, book lovers from toddlers to teens will be inspired by some of the best local and national contemporary authors and illustrators in both English and Welsh. For details and tickets visit www.cardiffchildrenslitfest.com

Cardiff International White Water
029 2082 9970 / www.ciww.com

Cardiff Bay Water Activity Centre
www.cbwac.com / 029 2087 7977 / 029 2035 3912

Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Clubs-
Fairwater, Ely & Llanrumney. Contact: Gloria Yates 07964 974395. Strength & Balance Class-Thursday, 12pm St Isan's Church Hall, Station Rd, Llanishen & Thursday, 2pm Rhiwbina Memorial Hall, Lon Ucha, Rhiwbina. Contact: Kalbir 07974 809048

Cardiff Archaeological AGM
Small Chemistry Lecture Theatre (Room 1.122), Main Building, Cardiff University, Cathays Park
Thursday, March 5, 7.15pm. www.cardiffarchsoc.btck.co.uk

Cardiff Astronomical Society
Meet Thursday evenings. Contact Dave Powell, Secretary Secretary@cardiff-astronomical-society.co.uk

Cardiff Bonsai Club
Meet monthly on the third Tuesday, 7.30pm at The Scout Hall, Lake Road North, CF23 5QN.
www.cardiffbonsai.org.uk

Cardiff & District Rhondda Society
Meet monthly on the third Wednesday during term time, 10.30am. Room 8, Ararat Church, Whitchurch. For details: 029 20883722

Cardiff Farmer's Markets
Rhiwbina, Butcher's Arms-Every Friday 10am-1pm. Roath, Mackintosh Sports Club-Every Saturday 9.30am-1pm. Riverside, Fitzhamon Embankment-Every Sunday 10am-2pm. St. Mary Street every Saturday 11am-5pm. www.riversidemarket.org.uk

Cardiff Naturalists' Society
A series of talks and field trips covering all aspects of wildlife. For details: www.cardiffnaturalists.org.uk

Cardiff Philatelic Society
Stamps, postcards or postal history group. Meet alternate Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Llanishen Baptist Church, Fidlas Road, Llanishen, CF14 5LZ. For more information contact secretary Graham Bean on 029 2065 7941 or emailgbean@dsl.pipex.com

Cardiff Royal Naval Association
Meet monthly on the second Monday at 7.30pm at the Rumney Royal British Legion. Meet every other Wednesday (11 & 25 March) at 12.30pm in the City Arms pub. Former and serving members of The Royal Navy and Royal Marines welcome. For details e-mail: ransfordtrogers@gmail.com

Cardiff U3A - Group for the retired/ semi-retired
For details: www.cardiffu3a.org.uk/ / 07926 533693.

Conway 50+ Group
Conway Methodist Hall, Romilly Crescent, Riverside. Meet Wednesday mornings at 10.15am for an illustrated talk/speaker. Entry £2 includes refreshments. March 4-St Davids Day Celebration: Choir from Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna March 11-Visit to local Mosque. March 18- In the Pink' Why the old is the new young! David Kitchen, Poet, Rtd. Headteacher March 25-'The Richard Burton Story' April 1- April Fool's Quiz. We have also started a computer/internet tuition session for total beginners from 9.45-10.30am. For details: 029 2034 1768 / iona.gordon@cardiff.gov.uk

Chapter Arts Centre
For information: www.chapter.org / 02920 304400 / enquiry@chapter.org

Four Seasons
An over 60s social group for widows and widowers. Meet Tuesdays at 12.30pm. Location changes weekly, for details contact 02920 483321.

Golden-Oldies Singing Group
For details contact: Rachel Parry rachel@goldiescymru.org.uk / 07796 714816 www.goldiescymru.org.uk

Monday Club
If you are age 50 plus and would like to make new friends come along to the weekly club at Home Guard Club, Ely at 1.30pm. Complimentary refreshments are also available.

National Museum Cardiff
For listings: www.museumwales.ac.uk / 0300 1112333.

Rhiwbina Floral Society
Meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at Rhiwbina Memorial Hall, Lon Ucha, CF14 6HL. For details: www.rhiwbinafloralsociety.org.uk

Riverside PACT Meetings
Riverside Community Centre, Brunel Street. Tuesday, March 10 7-8pm
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. For information: www.rwcmd.ac.uk / Box office: 029 2039 1391 / boxoffice@rwcmd.ac.uk

Sherman Theatre
For listings: www.shermancymru.co.uk / 029 2064 6900.

Social Bridge Club
St Fagans Village Hall. Meet Wednesdays at 7pm. Brian@agrisgj.com / 02920 565445 / 02920 670401

St Fagans National History Museum
For listings: www.museumwales.ac.uk / 0300 1112333.

Table tennis for all
Meet Friday's at The Cardiff Community Table Tennis Club, Upper Hall of Wales Sport, Sophia Gardens 7pm-9pm. £3/£2 juniors. Roy Gibson: 01446 412352.

The Gate Arts and Community Centre
For performance information visit www.thegate.org.uk or call 029 2048 3344.

The Merchant Navy Association (Wales)
Meet monthly on the second Wednesday, 2.30pm at the Canton Liberal Club, Cowbridge Road East. 01443 815013/byron@blackranger.plus.com

The Royal Welsh Regimental Comrades Association City of Cardiff Branch
Former and serving members of the Royal Welsh, Welch Regiment, South Wales Borderers, Royal Welch Fusiliers, Royal Regiment of Wales and any affiliated territorial and regular battalions are welcome. Meet at the Officers' Mess at Maindy Barracks on the third Friday each month at 7.30pm. For details: 02920 618115 / 02920 549577.

Welsh widows and widowers group
Meet Wednesdays and Saturdays. Tel: 07749 542858, e-mail: friends@welshwidows.co.uk, web: www.welshwidows.co.uk

YOUR WARD SURGERIES

ADAMSDOWN

Manzoor Ahmed
07850743355
manzoor.ahmed@cardiff.gov.uk

Surgeries:
To book an appointment or arrange a house call, please email manzoor.ahmed@cardiff.gov.uk or call councillor Manzoor Ahmed on 07850743355.

Nigel Howells
20465233
nhowells@cardiff.gov.uk

Surgeries:

To request a personal visit please phone or email Councillor Howells.

BUTETOWN

Ali Ahmed
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To request a personal home visit please call 07968 165138 or email Ali.Ahmed@cardiff.gov.uk

Surgeries:
Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month 12.00 – 1.00pm at County Hall, Atlantic Wharf (in the office to the left of reception).
Saturday street surgeries – 12.15pm – 1.15pm. For more details, contact 07968 165138.

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Surgeries:
March 7 (PB) and 21 March (ES) 2015 10am to 11.30am at Western Leisure Centre, Caerau Lane.
Please contact 07973 179577 (PB) or 07757 082 410 (ES) for a visit.

CANTON

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Surgeries:
Every Saturday 10am - 11am
Canton Library, Library Street, Canton. CF5 1QD.
No appointment necessary

CATHAYS

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Surgeries:
First Saturday of every month
11am – 12pm at Cathays Library, Fairoak Road.

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Surgeries:
1st Saturday of the month. 11am – 12pm at Cathays Community Centre, Cathays Terrace.

All other Saturdays 11am – 12pm at Cathays Library, Fairoak Road.

CREIGIAU & ST FAGANS

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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
March 24th at Anatoni's, Lakeside Shopping
April 28th at the Terra Nova on the Lake

Surgeries at Anatoni's will start at 11am while those at Terra Nova on the Lake will start at 10.30. No appointment is necessary for either.

ELY

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Surgeries:
Venue to be confirmed.

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Surgeries:
Every Saturday 11am – 12pm at Fairwater Library. Every Wednesday 12pm to 1pm at Pentrebane Community Centre.

For more details contact Councillor Ford and Councillor McEvoy.

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Surgeries:
1st and 3rd Saturday, 11am - 1pm - street surgeries at various locations. 2nd and 4th Saturday 2pm – 3.30pm – fixed surgeries at Fairwater Library. Contact Councillor Paul Mitchell for further information or to make appointments.

GABALFA

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Surgeries:
Please check the @TeamGabalfa Twitter account for further information.

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Surgeries:
To request a personal visit please phone or email Councillor Holden.

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Surgeries:
Every Saturday from 10.30am at Grangetown Library, Havelock Place.

First Wednesday of the month from 6pm at Channel View Flats Community Room.

1st Wednesday of every month (except August) 5.30pm - 6.30pm, Maes y Coed Community Centre or please ring for an appointment.

HEATH

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Surgeries:
1st Saturday of the month, 10am - 11am at Birchgrove School; and as advertised within the ward

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Surgeries:
1st Wednesday of every month (except August) 5.30pm - 6.30pm, Maes y Coed Community Centre.

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LISVANE

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Surgeries:
Saturday January 17, 2015 10am – 11am, Old School Cabin, Lisvane or to book an appointment please contact Councillor Walker.

To book an appointment please contact Councillor Walker.

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Surgeries:
2nd Saturday of every month 12.30pm - 1.30pm, at Llandaff Parish Hall.

4th Saturday of every month, 12pm - 1pm at St Johns Hall, Danescourt.

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Surgeries:
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month (except August) - 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North

1st & 3rd Saturday of each month (except August) - 9.00am – 10.00am. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North

LLANISHEN

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Surgeries:
Every Saturday 10am - 11am at Cardiff North Labour Office, 13 Llangranog Road, Llanishen.

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Surgeries:
To book an appointment or arrange a house call please phone or email Councillor Graham.

LLANRUMNEY

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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
No appointment necessary. To book an appointment or arrange a house call please phone or email Councillor Jones.

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Surgeries:
Alternate Fridays (School term times only) 11.30am - 12.30pm at the Powerhouse, Llanedeyrn. Contact 029 2054 9650; or 11.30am - 12.30pm at the Dome, Pentwyn, Contact 029 2054 9033. No appointment necessary

PENTYRCH

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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
Every Saturday morning 10am- 11am (except August) - Penylan Library and Community Centre, Ninian Road

PONTPRENNAU & OLD ST MELLONS

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Surgeries:
1st Saturday of every month. 9.30am-10.30am - Caer Salem Baptist Chapel, Tyr Winch Road.

1st Monday of every month (except for Bank Holidays and August) 6pm - 7pm - Pontprennau Community Centre, Heol Pontprennau

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Surgeries:
1st Saturday of every month, 9.30am - 10.30am at Pontprennau Community Church Centre, Heol Pontprennau.

1st Saturday of every month. 11am – 12pm in the hall at the rear of Caersalem Baptist Church, Mill Lane, Old St. Mellons.

RADYR & MORGANSTOWN

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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
March 16, 2015,2pm – 3.30pm
Coffee afternoon and surgery with Cardiff Credit Union
Olive Branch
Heol y Deri

http://rhiwbinaward.co.uk

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Surgeries:
2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month in Canton Library: 12pm - 1pm. 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays in the month in Litchfield Court, Tudor Street, opposite the petrol station. 12.30 - 1.30pm. No appointment necessary.

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Surgeries:
1st Tuesday of the month. 10am at Rumney Library, Brachdy Road.

3rd Thursday every month 6.30pm – 7.30pm at Rumney Community Centre, Llanstephan Road (except August).

Cllr Parry is available to visit residents on request.

SPLOTT

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Surgeries:
First Saturday of month (except January). 10am at STAR Centre. Second Wednesday of month. 6pm at Moorland Community Centre
Third Saturday of month. 10am at STAR Centre.
Last Saturday of month (except August). 10am. Street surgery in Splott, Tremorfa, Pengam Green

TROWBRIDGE

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Surgeries:
Councillors Ralph Cook and Monica Walsh would be pleased to see you on 1st Saturday of every month, except in August, at 10 am at St Mellons Library, Crickhowell Road, St Mellons.

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Surgeries:
Councillor Michael Michael would be pleased to see you on the 1st Wednesday of every month (excluding August & January), 9am-10am at Trowbridge Community Centre, Caernarvon Way, Rumney.

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Surgeries:
First Saturday of the month, 11am to 12pm in Whitchurch Library.

Second Saturday of the month, 11am to 12pm in Whitchurch Community Centre.

Third Saturday of the month, 11am to 12pm in Ararat Baptist Church, Whitchurch.

Fourth Saturday of the month, 11am to 12pm in Bethesda United Reformed Church, Tongwynlais

Councillors are also available by phone. Call Members Services on 2087 2020 or visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/councillors for details. Surgeries are not held on Bank Holidays.

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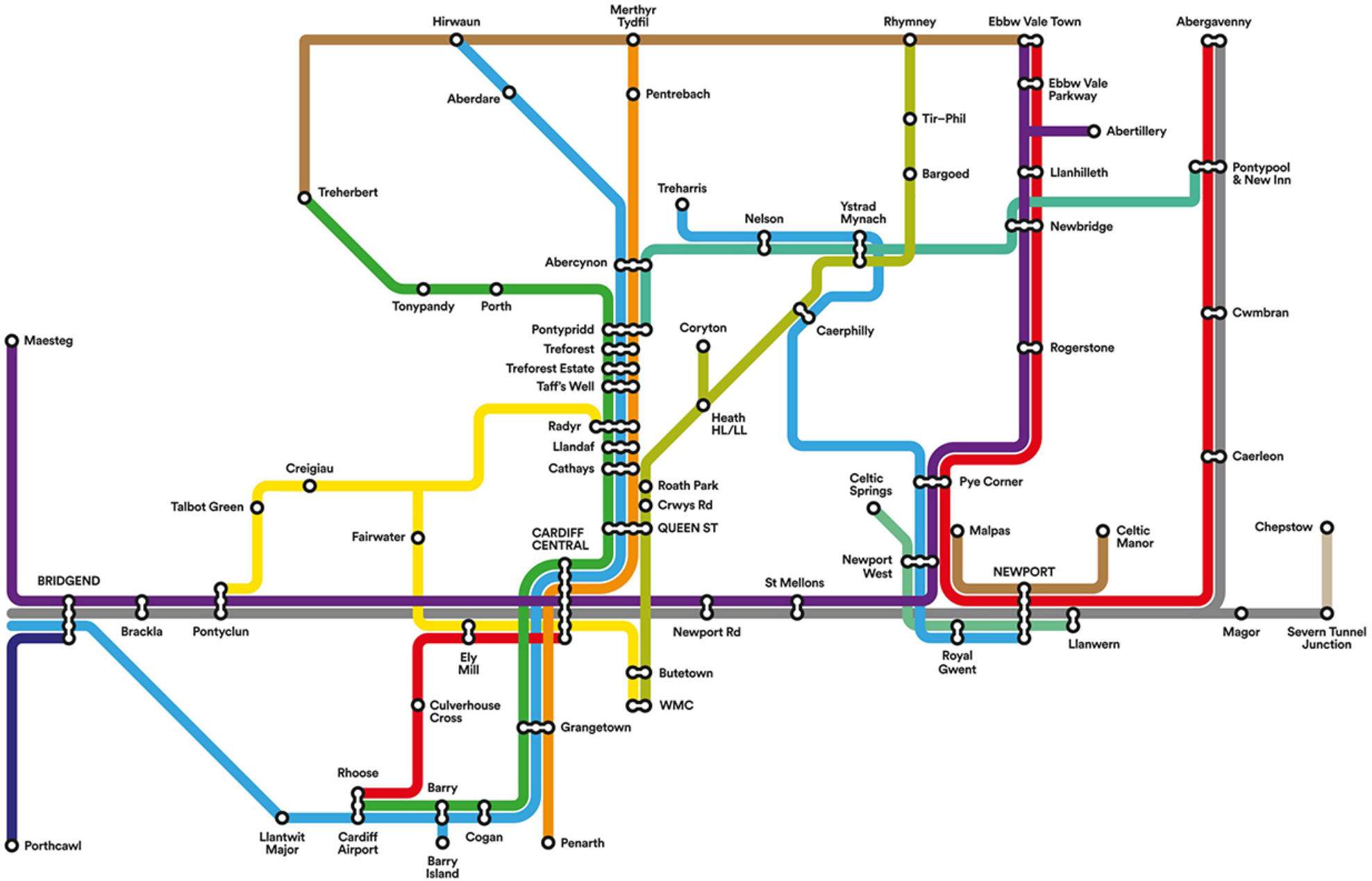

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